

Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana
CROSS SYSTEMS YOUTH TASK FORCE
May 11, 2016

I. Introduction

- A. Members in attendance: Chris Blessinger, Rebecca Buhner, James (Mike) Goodwin, Cathy Graham, JauNae Hanger, Hon. Charles Pratt, Daniel Schroeder, Don Travis, Members not present: Jeff Bercovitz, Bruce Carter, Mary DePrez, Suzanne Draper, Hon. Steve Galvin, Nichole Hall, Hon. Heather Mollo, Kathleen Rusher, CMDR Randal Taylor, Michelle Woodward.
Guests: Nancy Wever (JDAI Strategist); JauNae's Intern ****.
Staff in attendance: Angela Reid-Brown, Mike Commons, Matt Hagenbush.
- B. The minutes were amended as follows: IV. Committee reports, B., c., ii. should read *Dual diagnoses*; and VI. Questions/Next Steps/Other Matters, to read *Children's Policy and Law Initiative*; and approved, with amendments, from the meeting on February 3, 2016, Motion by Cathy Graham, Second by James (Mike) Goodwin.

II. Review Data/Reports from Cross System Symposium – “Qualitative Analysis of the 2015 Cross System Youth Symposium”

- a. 42 Counties participating, 36 providing reports.
- b. 28 of the counties' reports included Goal/Vision Statements.
 - i. 13 sought creating multi-disciplinary collaborative leadership groups to assess the needs and barriers of youth and families in their communities.
 - ii. Other common issues:
 1. Identifying the target population
 2. Improving school attendance (for younger youth) and independent living skills (for older youth)
 3. Collaboration in order to break down barriers to communication, planning and implementation of youth programs.
- c. Strategies to achieve these goals:
 - i. Developing, implementing, and accessing/utilizing services
 - ii. Identifying partners, agencies, and stakeholders
 - iii. Identifying resources
 - iv. Establishing meetings
 - v. Information sharing
- d. What's next for the County Teams?
 - i. Review the Symposium report and inform that the process that follows could act as a roadmap for how to further assist these counties and programs.
 - ii. JDAI counties seemed farther along in the process
 - iii. Biggest issue is “How to help bring the local folks together to accomplish the goal of collaboration?”
 - iv. DMHA providing substantial grant funding to support 16 counties' “System Coordinators” to accomplish this goal.
 - v. DMHA has some staff traveling to communities to try and help develop coalitions, and Office of Early Learning and DMHA will provide training on developing coalitions.

- vi. Important to help ensure teams know what collaborative groups exist, and ensure locations with multiple collaborative groups are matching up these collaborative groups with each other.
- vii. Create county “profiles” that include the information from DMHA and from Cross-System Youth Teams to identify what collaborative groups exists and who the members are.
- viii. Overlay DMHA, JDAI, and Cross-System Youth team maps to identify who’s connected and who’s still in need of being reached out to.
- ix. Task Force should communicate with all of the member-agencies/entities to ensure that notice about these trainings is getting out to the various local entities within the areas of the trainings.
- x. System of Care Conference June 13-14, will involve JDAI meeting up with SOC folks to connect and move forward.
 - 1. Write a second letter sharing info from this Conference with Cross-System County Teams.
- xi. Analysis for overlap between Regional Service Counsel and any of these grants that could free up some funding.
- xii. Meet with all SOC Coordinators in August/September to connect/collaborate/educate.

III. What does the Task Force do now?

- i. Final report due by May 13
- ii. Communicate with 42 Teams what the next steps are, via letter.
 - 1. What have you done?
 - 2. Who is your point of contact?
 - 3. What resources are available?
- iii. DMHA will write letter to SOC Coordinators
 - 1. Include info about what has been communicated in Letter above.
- iv. JDAI will write a letter to JDAI Coordinators
 - 1. Include info about what has been communicated in Letters above
- v. Explore Homeless Youth issue to define this for Indiana. (Include in Action Steps)
- b. Do we have another Symposium?
 - i. Don’t have an answer yet

IV. Recommendations – BE VERY SPECIFIC!!!

- a. Build bridges with Substance Abuse Task Force.
- b. Based on review of SEA 271, support the position that LCCs need more support and resources than are currently provided through court fees for combatting substance abuse.
 - i. LCCs need to be brought together with the groups that we are working with to also plan an important collaborative group.
- c. Coordinate effort about Juvenile and Family Drug Courts.
- d. Students need to know they can talk to school counselors (privileged communication); Life-line law is not well publicized to students. Help school get info to students about how to talk about these issues.
- e. Put discussion of SBIRT on future Commission agenda. Provide opportunity for Commission to hear about SBIRT in order for Commission to possibly provide additional support for earlier intervention with families.

- f. Request Commission assign to Cross Systems Youth Task Force the responsibility to “study...juvenile community corrections” board Pursuant to HEA 1369 work collaboratively with any organizations already assigned to this task.

V. Dates for 2016 meetings:

Wednesday, August 10, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.